up of a Major Port at any location would, however, need to take into account the revelent factors like availability of related infrastructure, technical feasibility and economic viability and also availability of financial resources.

Ferry service in Karnataka

3925. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka.have requested for central assistance for development of ferry service in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI TR. BAALU): (a) and (b)The State Government of Karnataka had submitted sever projects for sanction under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) as given in the enclosed Statement (See below). Since these project proposals lacked adequate details, Inland Waterways Authority of India sought clarification from the State Government. In response, the State Government informed that they would like to get the techno-econornic feasibility study done for development of Inland Waterways Transport (IWT) in Karnataka and thereafter, revert with Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the seven IWT projects. The State Government was sactioned Rs. 56.70 lacs by the Central Government in March, 2004 for conducting the feasibility study. As per progress report received from the State Government, techno-econornic feasibility study had been completed in June, 2006. The State Government had again submitted a request for sanction of projects under Centrally Sponsored Scheme based on techo-econcmic feasibility study However, the request contained no details except cost of the proposals.

Further, the Centrally sponsored Scheme for *IWT* development has been discontinued by the Planning Commission.with"effect from 1st April, 2007 and the same has been communicated to the State Government by the Inland Waterways Authority of India.

Statement

List of projects of State Government of Karnataka under Centrally Sponsored Scheme

SI.No:	Name of Project (Rupees in Crore)	Estimated Cost
i.	Criss-Cross navigation service between Kodibag to Kadra along Kali river	7.28
2.	IWT service from riverine Port Gangoli in Pancha Gangavali river	12.23
3.	IWT service between Mangalore Old riverine Port to the other places on rivers Gurpur and Netravathi	6.77
4.	IWT service in backwater of Almati dam across Krishna river -	11.75
5.	Criss-cross IWT service between Anandagiri-Biramballi in backwater reservoir of Kabini river	Z91
6.	IWT service from Malpe Port to the other places on river Udyavar	7.14 .
7.	IWT service between Honnavar-Gerusoppa along Sharvathi river	10.56
	Total	58.64

Increase in road accidents

3926. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing road accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that the poorly designed and maintained roadways, unsafe vehicles, drivers under the influence of drugs or alcohol, lack of national policies, inadequate enforcement cause traffic fatalities; and